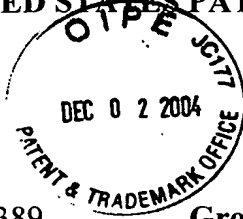


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In re Application of

Nakatani et al.



Serial No.: 10/715,389 Group Art Unit: 2855

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For: TORQUE SENSOR AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING TORQUE SENSOR

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

| | <u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u> | <u>PREV. PAID FOR</u> | <u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u> | <u>RATE</u> | <u>FEE DUE</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Total Claims | 27 - | 20 | = 7 | x \$18.00 | \$ 126.00 |
| Indep. Claims | 4 - | 3 | = 1 | x \$88.00 | \$ 88.00 |

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT**\$ 214.00**

A check in the amount of \$214.00 is submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-27 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-9 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 10-27 are added. Claims 1, 9, 13, and 25 are independent.

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